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SUBJ: PURARI HYDROELECTRIC TRI-PARTITE FEASIBILITY STUDY
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1. THE PNG NEWS MEDIA CARRIED THE STORY JULY 28 THAT AUSTRALIA'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FRANK CREAN HAD ANNOUNCED JULY 27 FORMAL AGREEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN TO FUND THE A\$6 MILLION FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PURARI HYDROELECTRIC SCHEME (SEE REFTEL). THE FEASIBILITY STUDY STARTED IN JANUARY 1975 AND ACTIVE FIELD WORK BEGAN IN FEBRUARY IN ANTICIPATION THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED LATER.

2. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, THE THREE GOVERNMENTS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FINALISING DETAILS OF THE FORMAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

3. COST WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE THREE GOVERNMENTS WITH GPNG PROVIDING ITS CONTRIBUTION IN FORM OF THE COSTS OF BUILDING AN AIR STRIP, PROVIDING BARRACK ACCOMMODATION, HOUSING, OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER FACILITIES, AND THE CARRYING
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OUT OF ANCILLIARY STUDIES TO SUPPLEMENT THE MAIN TECHNICAL STUDY.

THE TECHNICAL STUDY IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY SNOWY MOUNTAINS
ENGINEERING CORP. OF AUSTRALIA, AND NIPPON KOEI OF JAPAN.

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